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1. The Szklary Nickel Foundry and Mining Works, located 6 km. from Zabkowice (Frankenstein) (P51/H45) in Lower Silesia, will reopen about the middle of 1948. The works, which were completely destroyed during the war, are now under reconstruction, with machinery and equipment to arrive from Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is estimated that the nickel deposits here are sufficient to last, at the pre-war rate of exploitation, for about 100 years, and that production will amount to around 100 tons per month as soon as the plant can put two furnaces into operation. The firm will employ at least 400 workers.

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The Huta Bobrek Foundry at Bobrek (Hindenburg) (Q51/Y47), about 5 km. east of Gleiwitz on the border between German and Polish Silesia, is destined under the Three-Year Plan to become Poland's leading foundry. A third new blast furnace was opened in June, 1947. The plant has modern coke works in both Upper and Lower Silesia, and exports large quantities of steel castings to Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.

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The Huta Szkolnik Phenol Works reopened in June, and are now producing about 10 tons of phenol per month. Plans are under way to increase the monthly production to 20 tons.

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Jelenia Gora (Hirschberg) (051/G68), in Lower Silesia, is to be the headquarters of the new "Union for Mineral Raw Materials Industry" organized by the Polish Ministry for Industry. Factories and works producing white and fireproof clays, kaolin, magnesite, dolomite, dolomite meal and gypsum will be subordinated to the new Union.

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5. The Huta Wilhelm at Szprotawa (Sprottau) (052/B35), between Sagan (B26) and Liegnitz (B82), has completed reconstruction work and repairs, and is ready to reopen. The installation covers about 44 hectares and has 20 buildings. Annual production is expected to amount to around 10,000 tons of castings, pipe, plumbing installations, etc. Although only 200 workers are employed at present, approximately 2,500 will be employed when the plant is running at full capacity. 50X1-HUM
6. The crane plant at Ul. Malgorzaty, Gliwice (Gleiwitz) (051/Y37), has completed the first part of the order for 3-ton cranes for the B.O.P. (Biuro Odbudowy Portow - Bureau for Reconstruction of Ports) at Gdynia. At least 5 of the new cranes will be ready for operation shortly, and 10 more will be delivered before the end of the year, along with 5 7-ton cranes for handling coal and ore. B.O.P.'s total order is for 34 3-ton cranes and 11 7-ton cranes.

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